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2 Senator Johnston: I agree with your interpretation,  
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 The Chairman: Thank you.

5 I would excuse the panel, and thank you very much, Jesse,  
6 for being with us today. And thank you for your concise  
7 statement and getting right down to the bottom line. We will  
8 make a legislative change here with the good fortune of enough  
9 votes.

10 Panel four, the Hon. Banny deBrum, the Ambassador of the  
11 Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Hon. Henchi Balos,  
12 accompanied by Mr. Jonathan Weisgall, who is known well to us.  
13 And we have got the Enewetak delegation, the Hon. Ismael John,  
14 Senator, from the Marshall Islands, accompanied by Mr. Davor  
15 Pevec, and Mr. Paul Seligman, Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
16 Dr. Martin Blume, and Mr. Stayman again is with us.

17 Gentlemen, I would ask that perhaps the Ambassador open  
18 with his statement. Again, I would encourage you to summarize  
19 your statements so that we may hear from all of you, and  
20 provide a few inquiries, which undoubtedly will be necessary.  
21 And I think we have one more panel after this, is that  
22 correct?

23 Please, proceed.  
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1           STATEMENT OF HON. BANNY DEBRUM, AMBASSADOR, REPUBLIC OF  
2   THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

3           Ambassador deBrum: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members  
4   of the committee. Let me begin by summarizing briefly the RMI  
5   position on 1804. Section 1, RMI supports revision. We  
6   request to expressly include Rongelap and Utirik in a 5-year  
7   extension. Section 2, we do not have any position on that.  
8   Section 3, we support that. And section 4, we do not have a  
9   position. Section 5, the same, no position. So do 6 and 7  
10   and 8.

11           But 9, RMI supports, with a request that one, care not be  
12   reimbursable. Two, the extension to Bikini and Enewetak, and  
13   not diminish the resources available to Rongelap and Utirik.  
14   And third, that the program be extended to other exposed  
15   populations, including Wotho, Ailuk, and Likiep, and workers  
16   exposed to radioactive contamination through cleanup of Bikini  
17   and Enewetak.

18           I believe I have submitted this statement from the  
19   government, and there are a lot of issues that we raise, like  
20   further compensation for the people from 177 on the nuclear.  
21   So, without further ado, I have been accompanied by  
22   Mr. Theodore Cromler.

23           [The prepared statement of Ambassador deBrum follows:]  
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1           The Chairman: We met yesterday. I wonder if you have  
2 got a figure on the number of people who actually experienced  
3 the exposure, either from the blast or from the wind-driven  
4 effect that are affected in some manner or form. I asked you  
5 to get that figure yesterday; have you got it?

6           Ambassador deBrum: Mr. Chairman, we are still working on  
7 it.

8           The Chairman: You are still working on it, okay. Maybe  
9 somebody else can give it to us as we proceed. But I think  
10 that is an important number to have, the number of adults that  
11 obviously have been exposed.

12          Mr. Balos, nice to see you again, Senator. It is a long  
13 way from Bikini to Washington, is it not? Please, proceed.  
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